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MOLINA ANNOUNCES "NEIGHBORHOOD CLINICS" PLAN MAY 11

ADVANCES NEW HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (May 8, 2009) – To address the need for affordable and accessible primary healthcare services for Los Angeles County residents, Supervisor Gloria Molina has secured \$44.8 million in funding from the Department of Health Services for her "Neighborhood Clinics" plan -- intended to create new or expanded health care clinics in high need, in under-resourced areas of the County.

WHAT: Molina Announces "Neighborhood Clinics" Plan

WHEN: Monday, May 11, 2009 at 12PM

WHERE: The Center for Non-Profit Management

The California Endowment Building, 1000 North Alameda St, Ste. 250

WHO: Supervisor Gloria Molina

L.A. County Department of Health Services

Belinda Teitel, Center for Non-Profit Management.

HOW:

- 1) Infrastructure: First priority for this funding is the creation of new clinics in underserved geographic areas of the County's Service Planning Areas (SPAs). Second priority is capital projects/renovations that add capacity at existing clinic sites. Projects may include school-based health clinics and should already be planned for completion within two years. Funding can <u>not</u> be used to supplant existing funding.
- 2) Capacity building and expanded access: Expands access to primary and specialty care services for <u>new</u> patients in the SPAs. The first priority is to support the new clinics funded by the infrastructure grant. The second priority is to increase capacity to service new patients at existing Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) clinics.
- 3) Molina is encouraging clinics which are <u>not</u> currently PPP partners with the County to apply, in addition to existing PPP partners in good standing with the county. The application deadline is at 4:00p.m. May 27, 2009. For more information, contact http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids/BidLookUp/BidOpenStart.asp.